Highways Division Project Selection Guideline

The following guideline used to determine overall project selection. The overall method is NOT absolute and is subject to some *intangible* adjustments.

First Priority

- 1. Mandated Projects: such as:
 - a. American Disability Act (ADA)
 - b. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Compliance Projects
- 2. Safety Projects, such as:
 - a. Hazard Elimination Program
 - b. Guardrail Installation
 - c. Rockfall/Slope Stabilization Mitigation
- 3. System Preservation Projects, such as:
 - a. Bridge Program Bridge Replacement; Bridge Rehabilitation/Widening; Seismic Retrofit; Bridge Lead Abatement; Bridge Repairs; Tunnel Repair
 - b. Roadway upgrades (no additional capacity)
 - c. Pavement upgrades/preservation

Next Priority

- 1. Congestion Relief Projects, such as:
 - a. Traffic Signal Upgrades
 - b. Operational Improvements (intersection improvements)
 - c. Intelligence Transportation System (ITS)
- 2. Modernization Projects, such as:
 - a. Interim Capacity Improvement (road widening)
 - b. Regular or New Capacity Improvement (new roads or major widening)

Other Priority

- 1. Highway Planning and Research
- 2. Non-highway Improvements (baseyards/maintenance facilities, buildings, etc.)
- 3. Bicycle/ Pedestrian Facilities
- 4. Beautification/Landscaping
- 5. Other miscellaneous projects

Projects within each of the category are further prioritized based on inventory and analysis, management systems and various studies.

Other Factors

- 1. Commitments by current or past administrations
- 2. Legislative requests
- 3. Requests or directives by administration
- 4. Project cost / Optimizing implementation given available funding
- 5. Lapsing funds